

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH TAX REVIEW COMMISSION**

Friday, August 8, 2003 – 1:00 p.m. – Room 405 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Mr. Keith Prescott, Chair  
Mr. David Crapo, Co-chair  
Sen. Ron Allen  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire  
Rep. Greg J. Curtis  
Mr. Mark Buchi  
Mr. Gary Cornia  
Ms. Janis Dubno  
Ms. Kathleen Howell

Commissioner Bruce Johnson

Mr. Bruce Jones  
Mr. Dixie Leavitt

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Larry Barusch

**Staff Present:**

Mr. O. William Asplund, Assistant Director  
Mr. Thad LeVar, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Sandra Wissa, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at [www.utah.gov](http://www.utah.gov) or by contacting the committee secretary at 538-1032. A recording of the meeting is also available from the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

**1. TRC Business**

Chair Prescott called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. He excused Mr. Barusch from the meeting and explained that Sen. Allen would be late.

**MOTION:** Rep. Curtis moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2003 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Hillyard, Sen. Allen, and Rep. Buffmire absent for the vote.

**2. Municipal Power Systems**

Mr. LeVar distributed and reviewed "Major Tax Exemptions for Municipal Electrical Power Systems." He also distributed "Major Tax Exemptions for Nonprofit Nursing Homes" and "Major Tax Exemptions for Municipal Recreation Facilities."

Mr. Asplund distributed and reviewed "PacifiCorp Tax Fact Sheet for Legislative Research," "Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems Payson Power Project," and "Participants' Adjusted Generation Entitlement Shares."

Ms. Dubno distributed and reviewed "S.J.R. 6 Study Requirements, Sales and Use Tax, Property Tax, and Corporate Franchise and Income Tax Exemptions, Municipal Power Worksheet, Preliminary Findings" and "Utah Tax Review Commission, Survey of Municipal Power Systems."

Mr. Ted Rampton, UAMPS (Utah Association of Municipal Power Systems), Mr. Roger Tew, UAMPS, and Mr. Mark Chesney, Utah Municipal Power Agency, addressed the TRC (Utah Tax Review Commission) and answered questions.

**3. Preliminary Information on Nursing Homes and Recreational Facilities**

Mr. Asplund distributed and reviewed "Nursing Home Survey (Preliminary Results)."

Mr. Asplund distributed a second notice letter that Chair Prescott sent out to certain recreational facilities asking the recreational facilities to respond to a TRC survey requesting data. This notice was sent to recreational facilities that have not yet responded to TRC's first request to provide this data.

#### **4. Hospitals**

Commissioner Johnson distributed and reviewed "Taxation of Hospitals in Utah: A Supplemental Report by the Utah Tax Review Commission in Response to S.J.R. 6."

Mr. Cornia suggested that the Tax Commission (Utah State Tax Commission) develop a process to evaluate the tax exemption worthiness of nonprofit hospitals that is uniform throughout the State. He indicated that the Tax Commission could provide guidelines to assess the value of hospitals on an annual basis, as is done with other properties.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hillyard moved that Mr. Cornia work with the Tax Commission and staff to prepare a written proposal for the TRC to review at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Buchi absent from the vote.

#### **5. Other Business/Adjourn**

Chair Prescott adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.